

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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C<sup>4</sup> 24. (Amended) The composition of claim 23 wherein the peptide tag is 6-His (SEQ ID NO: 8), thioredoxin, hemagglutinin, GST, or OmpA signal sequence tag.

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C<sup>5</sup> Rule 112b.  
33 32. (Amended) The fusion protein of claim 31, wherein the peptide tag is 6-His (SEQ ID NO: 8), thioredoxin, hemagglutinin, GST, or OmpA signal sequence tag.

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